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SUBJECT Edwin Wilson

JOHN HOCKENBURY: Edwin Wilson, a fugitive former CIA agent charged with aiding the government of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, was arrested today in New York as he arrived on a flight from the Dominican Republic. Wilson was indicted in 1980 on charges of conspiracy to commit murder and illegally supplying explosives to Libya. He was also charged with the creation of a terrorist training school in Libya.

According to Deputy Attorney General Jeffrey Harris, Wilson had tried to enter the Dominican Republic, but local authorities there questioned the validity of his Irish passport.

JEFFREY HARRIS: Five minutes before the flight departed for New York, he was informed that his documents were insufficient for entry to the Dominican Republic, that he was being returned to New York. He reportedly told the Dominican authorities that he did not have a visa for New York, the United States. And they told him that he didn't have to worry about that.

HOCKENBURY: The Justice Department opposes bail for Wilson, believing he may try again to flee the country. Wilson had been living in Libya before his arrest today.

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